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**REQUEST
for
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	10/574,111
Filing Date	March 31, 2006
First Named Inventor	Yasuhiro TADA et al.
Group Art Unit	1797
Examiner Name	Ana M. Fortuna
Attorney Docket Number	2006_0371A
Confirmation No.	7206

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 -- Note:** If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. Previously submitted December 30, 2008. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ii. Other
 - b. Enclosed:
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).
 - b. Other: Petition for Two Month Extension of Time
3. **Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)**
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayments of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. .
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
 - iii. Other
 - b. Check in the amount of \$1,300.00 enclosed
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
 - iii. Other
 - c. Payment is made by credit card in the amount of \$

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